

# Hunting License Information

## Requirements to Obtain a Hunting License

Anyone applying for a hunting license must provide evidence that they meet hunter education requirements. Applicants must present **one** of the following as evidence of hunter education when applying for a California hunting license:

- An annual California hunting license issued in any prior year;
- A two-day nonresident California hunting license issued after the 1999/2000 license year;
- A written declaration which states that the applicant had a California hunting license in any prior year, but that license is now lost or destroyed;
- A California certificate of hunter education completion or equivalency with a California hunter education validation stamp (see Hunter Education Program, page 9);
- A certificate of successful completion of a California-approved hunter education course from any state or province; or
- A current hunting license or a hunting license issued in either of the two previous years from any state or province.

## Validation of Licenses

To be valid, every California hunting license shall be signed by the licensee, and the license shall show the date of issue. In addition, the license shall contain the following information about the applicant: true name, residence address, date of birth, height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, and sex.

## License Provisions

A California hunting license is required for taking any bird or mammal. Hunters must carry licenses and be prepared to show them on request to any peace officer. Guns and other equipment used in hunting must be shown on request. A trapping license is required to sell furs of furbearing mammals and nongame mammals, regardless of the method of take.

## Refund Policy

Hunting license fees are nonrefundable. Tag/application fees are nonrefundable unless stated otherwise. Refunds will not be issued for emergency area closures due to fire, weather or any other conditions.

The purchase of hunting licenses and tags is an investment in the continued existence of California's hunting heritage. Funds raised from the sale of these items are used to conduct surveys and research, perform habitat maintenance and improvement projects, and meet the administrative requirements necessary to conduct all hunting seasons. Any reduction in this funding impacts the DFG's ability to perform these duties.

## Duplicate Hunting Licenses

California hunting licenses come with an Application For Duplicate. If you lose your hunting license, you must turn in your Application For Duplicate at a license agent or DFG office to obtain a duplicate.

Keep your Application For Duplicate in a safe place! If you lose your license and your Application For Duplicate, you must pay the full fee to replace your license.

## Disabled Veteran Hunting Licenses

If you are a disabled veteran, you may be eligible for a reduced-fee hunting license, available only at DFG offices. To qualify for this license, you must submit **both** of the following:

- a letter from the Veterans Administration verifying that you have a 50 percent or greater service connected disability and were honorably discharged from the United States armed forces; and
- evidence of meeting California hunter education requirements.

If you are renewing this license, you may submit a previously issued disabled veteran hunting license as proof of eligibility. Hunting tags and species stamps must be purchased at full fee.

## Hunting Licenses and Tag Fees

Includes 5% license agent handling fee and \$3.25 nonrefundable processing fee for deer and bear tag applications. License Year runs July 1, 2006–June 30, 2007.

### Hunting Licenses

Resident, age 16 and over .....	\$ 34.90
Nonresident .....	121.55
Junior (resident/nonresident), under age 16 .....	9.20
Disabled Veteran* .....	5.50

### Hunting Tags and Stamps

Hunter Education Validation Stamp .....	3.40
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### First-Deer Tag Application

Resident .....	23.35
Nonresident .....	205.55

### Second-Deer Tag Application

Resident .....	29.15
Nonresident .....	205.55

### Bear Tag Application

Resident .....	34.15
Nonresident* .....	206.50

### Wild Pig Hunting Tag

Resident .....	16.80
Nonresident .....	55.90

### Other Big Game Drawing Applications

	One Person	Party of Two
Antelope .....	7.50	\$ 15.00
Elk .....	7.50	15.00
Bighorn Sheep .....	7.50	

\*Available from DFG offices only.

Looking for a license agent in your area? Visit our Web site at [www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html).

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## Permit for Disabled Archers

The Disabled Archer Permit is valid for one year, from July 1 through June 30, and requires certification from a licensed physician that the hunter cannot hold a bow in the firing position. If the language from the physician indicates that the hunter's disability is permanent the hunter will be able to provide a copy of their previously issued Disabled Archer Permit to obtain a new permit rather than obtaining certification from a licensed physician again. Contact your nearest DFG office for an application.

## Hunter Survey

Beginning with the 2006/2007 license year, license sales agents are being asked to capture the name, driver license or identification number, date of birth, and address, of one hunter per hunting license book. Licensee information will

be provided to DFG biologists to conduct surveys. This information is critical to allow the DFG to more accurately estimate hunter effort and harvest rates. Hunter participation is voluntary and providing the driver license or identification number is optional; however, it will help expedite the data entry process.

If you would like more information regarding the hunter surveys, please contact Tom Blankinship of the DFG's Wildlife Programs Branch at (916) 445-3615 or via email at [tblankin@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:tblankin@dfg.ca.gov).

## Harvest Information Program (HIP) Stamp Requirement

If you plan to hunt migratory game birds in 2006/2007 (ducks, geese, coots, dove, band-tailed pigeon, snipe, gall-

inules or black brant) you must complete a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey and affix a **free** HIP Stamp to your California Hunting License. HIP surveys and stamps are available at license agents. Hunters may be cited for hunting migratory game birds without a HIP stamp affixed to their license.

## License Privileges Can Be Revoked

The Fish and Game Code provides that the Fish and Game Commission shall revoke the hunting privileges of any person who is convicted of three violations of the state's hunting laws or regulations within any five-year period. FGC 12155, T-14 745.5.

# Hunter Education Program

## Hunter Education Classes

There are no age restrictions for hunter education classes but most instructors set a minimum age requirement of 10 years of age. Classes include at least 10 hours of instruction in a wide range of topics, such as hunting ethics, wildlife conservation and management, safe firearms handling, first aid, survival, wildlife identification, and care of game. There is a minimal fee to cover the instructor's out-of-pocket expenses. For information on upcoming classes, see page 6 or visit the DFG's web site at:

[www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/index.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/index.html)

You can also take a hunter education course online! For more information, visit the DFG Web site at:

[www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/index.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/index.html)

## Hunter Education Equivalency Exams

Hunter education equivalency exams are given by appointment at DFG regional offices for a fee of \$40.00. (California equivalency certificates may not be accepted as evidence of hunter education in some states.)

## Duplicate Hunter Education Certificates

Duplicate hunter education certificates can be issued to any person who completed and passed a hunter education class after 1989. The DFG does not have records before this date. If the class was completed prior to 1989, the hunter

should contact the original instructor, club, or organization where the course was taught to obtain a duplicate. If the hunter is unable to obtain a duplicate through these means, they will have to repeat the course. The fee for a duplicate certificate is \$4.50, plus \$3.40 for a hunter education validation stamp. Contact your nearest DFG office for additional information.

## Archery Training

The DFG recommends participation in the National Bowhunter Education Foundation's archery training course for all persons using archery equipment. Please contact your nearest DFG regional office or [www.nbef.org](http://www.nbef.org) for information on class availability.